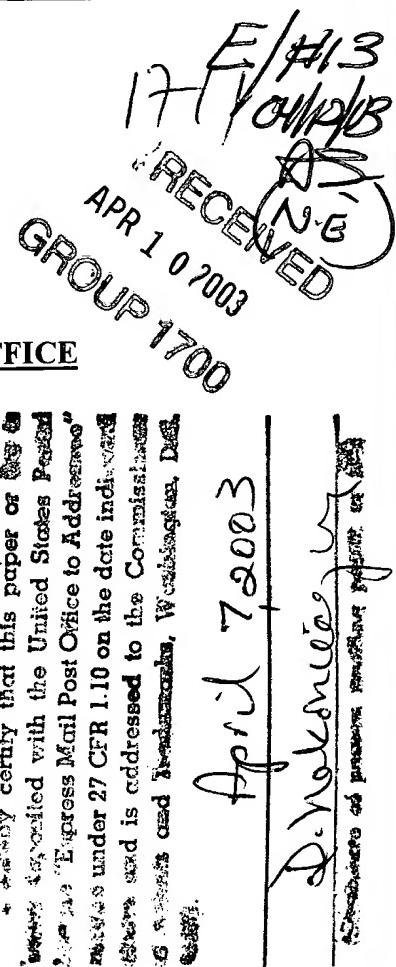




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In re Application of: : T. Tran
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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the office action of February 26, 2002, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 12 (thrice amended) A method for conditioning a polymeric proton fuel cell exchange membrane for operation at temperatures above 100°C, the method comprising the steps of:

- a: heating the membrane to an elevated temperature above its transition temperature;
- b: selecting a desired percentage of conversion of the membrane polymer from an initial amorphous state to a crystalline state;

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